

SESSION OF 2009

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2272**

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

HB 2272 would allow the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources to implement an intensive groundwater use control area (IGUCA) within the boundaries of a groundwater management district (GMD) only when the implementation is recommended by a GMD or whenever a petition is signed by 300 eligible voters or 5 percent of the eligible voters in the district, whichever is less.

**Background**

HB 2272 was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

At the hearing, testimony in support of the bill was provided by officials from Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 2, Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3, and the Kansas Livestock Association. Testimony opposing the bill was provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) and a private citizen.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to remove the provisions requiring the Chief Engineer to work with county commissions prior to implementing an IGUCA outside the boundaries of a GMD.

The fiscal note indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal impact. KDA would implement the bill within its existing resources.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>